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SUBJ: REACTION IN SOUTH AFRICA TO SALISBURY INTERNAL
SETTLEMENT

1. THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMEN FOR ALL THE MAJOR PARTIES
IN SOUTH AFRICA HAVE WELCOMED THE RHODESIAN INTERNAL
SETTLEMENT SIGNED TODAY, MARCH 3. PIK BOTHA IS ON HIS
WAY TO WINDHOEK AND HAS NOT YET COMMENTED PUBLICLY. THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL PARTY'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS GROUP,
DAWIE DE VILLIERS, HOWEVER, WAS QUOTED IN THE PRESS AS
SAYING "WE WELCOME THE FACT THAT SETTLEMENT HAS COME SO
FAR. OUR ATTITUDE REMAINS THAT WE WELCOME ANY STEP WICH
WOULD LEAD TO A GOVT COMING TO POWER IN A NEIGHBORING
STATE WHICH WILL MAINTAIN PEACE AND ORDER AND GOOD RELATIONS
WITH SOUTH AFRICA. WE BELIEVE THIS PROGRESS IN RHODESIA
IS DEFINITELY A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION".

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2. THE PFP FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN, JAPPIE BASSON,
WAS REPORTED AS SAYING "I THINK THE RHODESIAN LEADERS
DESERVE THE SUPPORT OF ALL THOSE NATIONS WHICH SEEK
PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS OF THIS KIND". THE
PARLIAMENTARY LEADER OF THE NEW REPUBLIC PARTY,
VAUSE RAW, WAS QUOTED IN THE PRESS AS SAYING "THIS IS
A TREMENDOUS STEP FORWARD TOWARDS PEACE IN SOUTHERN

AFRICA. THE BALL IS NOW IN THE COURT OF THE FRONT
LINE STATES AND THE WESTERN NATIONS TO ACCEPT THE
PEACEFUL SETTLEMENTACHIEVED BY NEGOTIATION INSTEAD OF
ONE IMPOSED BY VIOLENCE".
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